

February 9, 1977

Mr. Albert G. Madara, Director  
Public Works Department  
New Castle County Engineering Building  
4701 Capital Trail  
Newark, Delaware 19711

RE: NPDES Discharge Permit  
Llangollen Landfill Pumping Wells

Dear Mr. Madara:

I am enclosing copies of letters dated January 21, 1977 and January 27, 1977 received from Mr. Stephen R. Wassersug and Paul Ambrose of EPA Region III.

Based on the letters the Department feels that it is mandatory for you to obtain an NPDES permit for the Llangollen Landfill pumping wells. Under date of January 25, 1977 Mr. Bartchy of my staff submitted to you a standard form C application for the pumping wells. I would appreciate it if you would complete this form and submit it to the Department.

For your information when we review your application and if a decision is made that the water from the pumping wells requires treatment prior to discharge it will be necessary for the permit to show that any abatement facility shall be completed on or before July 1, 1977. In agreement with existing Federal laws we cannot extend the deadline beyond that date.

Sincerely,

John T. Egan, Manager  
Water Resources Section

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cc: Mr. Steven Wassersug  
Mr. Paul Ambrose  
Mr. Robert J. Touhey  
Mr. R. F. Bartchy

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Mr. John Egan  
Acting Director, Division of  
Environmental Control  
Department of Natural Resources  
Tatnall Building  
Dover, Delaware 19901

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Re: Llangollen Landfill

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WATER POLLUTION BRANCH

Dear Mr. Egan:

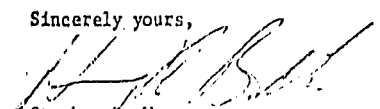
Inasmuch as responsibility for issuance of NPDES permits for Delaware has been delegated to the Department, EPA has proceeded slowly and deliberately in its review of the Llangollen Landfill operation. There have been contacts over several months with the Department to ensure that appropriate action would be taken in this matter. Notwithstanding, as part of EPA's overview function of this delegated state program, it has been determined that the Department should immediately require the submission of an application for an NPDES permit by New Castle County for the discharges from its landfill operation.

Available information indicates that water from pumps located at the Llangollen Landfill is conveyed in pipes and discharged into the Army Creek. There is evidence, including Department sampling reports forwarded to EPA, that the water discharged contains pollutants including ammonia nitrogen, chlorides, COD and TOC. Thus, it is concluded that for this operation involving several point sources discharging pollutants into a navigable water an NPDES permit is mandatory.

By reason of the shared concern in this matter, an application for an NPDES permit submitted by New Castle County for the Llangollen Landfill operation is not deemed subject to Waiver Provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and EPA.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me or Paul Laskow, an attorney on my staff at (215) 597-8915 (Mail Code 3EN33) at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

  
Stephen R. Wassersug  
Director, Enforcement Division

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In reply refer to:  
3EN21

January 27, 1977

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Mr. John Egan  
Department of Natural Resources &  
Environmental Control  
Tatnall Building  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear John,

As per our previous telephone discussions regarding Llangollen landfill problems, I understand that you are proceeding with developing a draft permit for discharges from the Recovery Wells. I therefore request that, due to the amount of flow, the potential for undesirable pollutants being discharged into Army Creek, and because of the political sensitivity of this project, the draft permit be submitted to EPA Region III for review, comment and concurrence. This is in accordance with our memorandum of understanding, sections III 6(a), VI 3.

In addition, it has been brought to my attention that recovery wells #27, #28 and #29 have lately been producing fairly water with a strong odor. This should be looked into. It is my understanding that EPA's Annapolis Staff will be sampling some of the discharge wells and will be working in concert with your staff on this project.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Ambrose, Chief  
Delmarva-DC Section  
Enforcement Division

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